GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2054
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CROP DAMAGED BY PESTS
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large part of the crop is damaged by pests in different places of the country particularly in Tal and Diara areas of Bihar;

(b) whether the Government have declared this problem as natural calamity;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to compensate the loss; and

(e) if so, the details of compensation provided during the last three years, State- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Sir, considering the vastness of cropped area, damage caused by pests in different places of the country particularly in Tal and Diara areas of Bihar is negligible.

(b)&(c): The damage caused to crops by pests has not been included in the natural calamity by 11th Finance Commission of the Union of India.

(d)&(e): In view of (b) and (c) above, the Question does not arise.